

# First Communion Year 1 - Tuesday Classes

2026 – 2027

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This calendar is for families who have a child in year one of preparation to receive first Holy Communion and registered for the Tuesday classes.

Please note that for most of the dates below, there is a class for the parents and the children (this can be found in the “details” column).

Please also note that there will also be activities for parents and children to complete together at home, which will require a submission.

## PARENT ORIENTATION DATES (please attend one):

| Date            | Details                      |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| August 24, 2026 | Parent Orientation (English) |
| August 25, 2026 | Parent Orientation (Spanish) |

## CLASSES:

| Date               | Details                                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| September 15, 2026 | First Communion Safe Environment Training (Children only) |
| September 22, 2026 | First Communion Safe Environment Training (Children only) |
| September 29, 2026 | First Communion Safe Environment Training (Children only) |
| October 6, 2026    | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| October 20, 2026   | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| November 3, 2026   | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| November 17, 2026  | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| January 12, 2027   | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| February 2, 2027   | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| February 23, 2027  | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| March 9, 2027      | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| April 6, 2027      | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| April 20, 2027     | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| May 4, 2027        | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |
| May 18, 2027       | Parents (Coleman Center), Children (Classrooms)           |

# First Communion Year 1 – Tuesday Requirements

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Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's faith formation journey. We have developed the following as a way for us to effectively communicate our program's expectations for this year. Please read each program requirement carefully prior to filling out the online registration form.

## REGISTRATION

- Registration fees are due at the time of registration (\$175). Please talk to us about a payment plan if needed.
- Parents must provide a copy of each student's Baptismal certificate, or birth certificate if the child has not yet been Baptized.
- Parents must provide a recent photo of the catechumen.

The faith formation team at Our Lady of Guadalupe is here to support the parents in fulfilling their role as the primary educators of their children. Ultimately, the parents are responsible for the formation of their children. We will invite all parents to meet with one of our faith formation team members throughout the course of the year. This meeting is for us to get to know one another better!

We use a program called Pathways for our faith formation. Pathways is focused on the formation of the entire family.

## FAITH FORMATION YEAR 1 (FC 1) HAS TWO PARTS. (MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED)

- Seek - This formation is to discover anew the good news of our faith. Focusing on the community, creation, redemption, and relationships.
- Root - Families will grow into a deeper understanding of our faith as they are led through the contents of the first part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

## Family Participation:

- Please note that Faith Formation Year 1 (FC 1) is a program that requires the parents to participate in their own session in the Coleman Center while children have their sessions in class. At the end of the class, the children will be taken to Coleman Center to meet with you.
- In between classes, families will be given activities or "at home sessions" to complete together!
  - To show us that you've completed an activity, please take pictures of each assignment and participants. Don't hesitate to be creative.
  - Each activity is to be completed by the entire family.
  - The photos from the activities are to be emailed to [smorales@olglahabra.org](mailto:smorales@olglahabra.org).
    - ♣ Include in the email:
      - Child's complete name
      - Grade
      - Monday or Tuesday Session
        - Example: SANDRA MORALES, Grade 2, Monday

## ATTENDANCE

- To provide families with meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and spend time together, our program meets on a limited schedule throughout the year. Because of this, students and parents are allowed a maximum of **three absences**. We understand that unexpected circumstances can arise. If your family experiences an unforeseen situation, please contact me as soon as possible so we can discuss the appropriate course of action and determine how best to support your child.

## MASS ATTENDANCE

- All Catholics have an obligation to attend Mass each Sunday (or Saturday evening) and holydays of obligation. As we live out our Catholic faith and prepare to receive the sacraments, it is important that we take this seriously!
  - Days of Obligation this year, in the Diocese of Orange
    - ♣ Every Sunday (or Saturday evening)
    - ♣ March 28, Easter Sunday
    - ♣ November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints
    - ♣ December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
    - ♣ December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## **MASS SLIPS**

- Mass slips will be provided for your child to complete. Each Mass slip includes a section for your child's prayer intention. This encourages your child to think of others and offer their prayers to God during Mass.
- These Mass slips serve two purposes:
  - They encourage children to actively participate in the celebration of the Mass by reflecting on and offering personal prayer intentions.
  - They provide a simple way to verify Mass attendance as part of the Faith Formation program requirements.
- Two collection boxes are available for completed Mass slips. One is located at the entrance of Jason's Plaza, near the fountain, and the other is on the opposite side of the plaza, near the vehicle exit.

## **REQUIRED PRAYERS**

By the end of FC 1, all students must know and be able to pray the following:

- The Sign of the Cross
- The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)
- The Hail Mary
- The Glory Be
- The Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel
- The Act of Contrition